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- 1. EMBOFF MET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ACTION OFFICER FOR THIS SUBJECT (ARTACHO, CHIEF OF UN AFFARIS) FEBRUARY 11 AND CONVEYED THE POINTS IN PARA 12 REF A. ARTACHO SAID THAT THE GOS WELCOMED THE SSOD, WAS VERY INTERESTED IN IT, AND INTENDED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE. SPAIN HAD LONG BEEN INTERESTED IN DISAMMAMENT, HE ADDED, AND HAD GENERALLY TAKEN A PRACTICAL APPROACH, CONSIDERING PROPOSALS ON THEIR MERITS REGARDLESS OF ORIGIN.
- 2. SPAIN'S SPECIFIC INTEREST, SAID ARTACHO, HAD TO DO WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN. IN THE GOS VIEW, DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY ARE VITALLY LINKED, AND THESE TOPICS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN CONTEXT HAD NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY STUDIED. FOR ITS PART, THE GOS HAD NO PARTICULAR IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS, BUT DID WANT TOSEE THE MATTER BROUGHT INTO FOCUS. (WE SHALL BE ALERT TO WHAT IF ANYTHING THE GOS HAS IN MIND ABOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN.)

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3. MORE GENRALLY, SAID ARTACHO, THE VIRTUALLY UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION IN THE SSOD, IN CONTRAST TO THE MORE RESTRICTED MEMBERSHIP OF THE ESTABLISHED DISARMAMENT FORUMS, FIGURED TO GIVE THE SSOD A PRONOUNCED THIRD-WORLD FLAVOR. IT WAS THE GOS HOPE THAT EMPTY RHETORIC COULD BE KEPT AT A MINIMUM, HOWEVER, AND THE SESSIONS'S ENERGIES DIRECTED CONSTRUCTIVELY.STABLER

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